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FIRST FEMALE MAJORITY

Many apply...

For the second consecutive year, the Puget Sound Law School received a record number of applications for the entering class. Nearly 1,800 students—35 percent more than in 1990—applied for admission. Only about one-third of all candidates were admitted, the lowest "accept ratio" in the school's history.

Of the 290 members of the 1991 Entering Class:

—51 percent are women, the first time women have outnumbered men in a UPS law class;

—15 percent are representatives of ethnic minority groups;

—39 percent are from out-of-state, the largest non-Washington contingent since the early days of the Law School.

According to Jennifer Freimund, executive director of admission, the class's mean LSAT score is 38 (the 80th percentile nationally—about a 650 on the 200-800 scoring scale) and its average undergraduate GPA is 3.3. Both figures are the highest in the school's history, she noted.

"There are other illustrations of Puget Sound's increasing competitiveness in the law student recruitment market," said Freimund. "For example, enrollment of 'highly qualified' students—those in the top 10 percent of our applicant pool—increased to 69, a jump of 30 percent over last year. And the number of students representing the 50 most selective undergraduate colleges in the country increased from 38 in 1990 to 45 in 1991."

Among factors contributing to Puget Sound's continuing success in law school admission are the economic and quality-of-life attractions of the Pacific Northwest; a nationwide, all-time-high interest in legal education; and the inclusion of UPS "among America's 56 best law programs" in the popular book, *Top Law Schools: The Ultimate Guide*, published last year by Prentice-Hall.

"Beyond this," Freimund added, "the Law School increasingly is recognized for its quality program and first-rate faculty. Indeed, while applications to Northwest law schools increased this year by 18 percent, Puget Sound applications were up nearly double that percentage."



2,000 HRS. OF TIME & TALENT

Much appreciated...

Over 200 graduates from across the country served as off-site admission officers for the Law School during 1991, volunteering an estimated 2,000 hours to the task of student recruitment. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of each graduate, and thank in particular the Alumni/ae Ambassadors for Admission whose names appear below. Their special devotion to our student recruitment efforts in the West merits particular mention.

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From California: Ross Cerny '79 • Michael Gilleran '75 • Terrence Lammers '76 • Mary Prevost '82 • Debora van der Weijde '85 • John Worden '89

From Colorado: Catharyn Baird '74

From Montana: Gregory Duncan '87 • John Shontz '88

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SINCERE THANKS TO A GROWING CORE OF GIFT LEADERS

Pivotal support from generous people...

With gifts from graduates and friends totalling nearly \$100,000, a 60 percent increase over the previous year, the 1990-91 Law School annual giving campaign was the most successful unrestricted fund drive in the school's history.

According to figures compiled recently by the Associate Dean's Office, approximately \$31,000 was contributed by members of the Law School Board of Visitors, the only university board to boast a 100 percent participation rate in this year's Annual Fund. An additional \$25,000 came from graduates visited personally by Dean Jim Bond in a new effort to secure Leadership Gift commitments of \$500 or \$1,000 per year for three consecutive years. Remaining gift receipts were a result of letter and telephone solicitations conducted by the University's Annual Fund Office.

"While the dollars being raised are still small in comparison to annual giving campaigns at more established law schools, they already provide pivotal support for important programs," said Dean Jim Bond in a recent letter to supporters. "I am confident that more and more graduates will participate in the Law School Fund as they see the difference their dollars can make."

The dean noted that, instead of using unrestricted moneys simply to offset operating expenses, he has directed the dollars toward program enrichment. In the last year alone, he said, Annual Fund gifts have provided:

- funding for the fifth annual Alumni/ae Lecture Series;
- refurbishment of student office space in the Law Practice Clinic;
- new computers and printers for the staff and the student computer lab;
- matching funds for law firm gifts to the Minority Achievement Scholarship program;
- seed money for an endowed faculty development fund.



Dean Jim Bond

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Gregory Logue '77

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Gary Williams '79

Duane Woods '80

Rufus Yerxa '76

On the cover:

James M. Rupp '77, senior corporate counsel for the John Fluke Manufacturing Company and 1991 Distinguished Law Graduate, is shown in front of "Seattle Tulip," a colorful sculpture by Tom Wesselmann that stands outside the First Interstate Center. Rupp's book *Art in Seattle's Public Places: An Illustrated Guide* will be published by the University of Washington Press in early 1992.

ALUMNI SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S NOTES



New society president calls on you...

The Law Alumni Society's mission is to enhance the Law School's reputation, to enrich the professional and social lives of the Law School's graduates, and to assist the Law School in educating its students. In its early years, the Law Alumni Society pursued that mission primarily through sponsorship of social functions: annual dinners, student-faculty receptions, class reunions and the like. Our very limited and fluctuating budget, derived solely from membership dues, dictated that strategy.

Shortly after becoming dean of the Law School in 1986, Jim Bond transformed the Law Alumni Society from a dues-paying organization into one in which membership is automatic upon graduation. The Law School funds our activities. Freed from the need to raise dues and furnished with stable funding, the Law Alumni Society is able to concentrate on developing substantive programs that more directly promote its goals and objectives.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Distinguished Law Graduate Committee of the Law Alumni Society is seeking nominations for the 1992 award. All Puget Sound law alumni/ae are eligible. Send your nomination with a short explanation of why you are nominating the individual by March 1, 1992, along with your name and address to:

Mary Jo Heston
Chair, Distinguished Law
Graduate Committee
UPS Law School
Alumni/ae Affairs Office
950 Broadway Plaza
Tacoma, WA 98402

For example, when UPS graduates experienced a poor success rate on the July 1989 Washington bar examination, the Law Alumni Society sought ways to prevent a similar performance on future examinations. We supplemented our existing bar-related programs, such as our semi-annual mock bar examinations and bar preparation seminars, with new programs. Recent graduates benefited from a new bar sponsors program which provided individual assistance to graduates identified as particularly at risk of bar examination failure, and a scholarship program, which partially paid the bar review course tuition for 15 graduates. Five scholarships were granted on the sole basis of financial need and ten were granted on the basis of financial need and standing in the bottom quarter of the class. While we cannot draw an absolute correlation between the society's programs and the recent successful bar performance of Puget Sound alumni/ae, we do know that they helped the newest members of the society face this hurdle with greater confidence.

As the Law Alumni Society continues to develop concepts and programs, however, our need for participation from more of our members becomes increasingly critical. Your Law Alumni Society has earned your support. I encourage you to contact us and to volunteer your time. If you choose to get involved, you can make a dramatic impact. Take a chance; you will find the experience uniquely rewarding.

—David Strout '79



David Strout '79



Doug Hill '81



Mary Jo Heston '80



Susan Adair Dwyer-Shick '86



Lynn French '86



Harold T. Dodge, Jr. '85



D. Michael Shipley '88

SHIPLEY, TOLLEFSEN, DODGE ELECTED TO SOCIETY BOARD

Welcomes & farewells...

A former president of the Student Bar Association, an assistant vice president at Bancorp, and a former participant in the Law School's Early Entry program were elected to the Law Alumni Society's board of directors this past summer.

The Tacoma law firm of Schweinler, Lowenberg and Lopez knew it needed a voice on the board and luckily for outgoing society president **Jim Lopez '78**, that voice was found in **D. Michael Shipley '88**. Former president of the Student Bar Association, Shipley has been active in the society's programs for students. In addition to his law school activities, Shipley is a member of the UPS Logger Club, the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Downtown Tacoma YMCA. Shipley serves on the student affairs and CLE committees of the board.

Adrianne L. Tollefsen '85, assistant vice president of the U.S. Bancorp Law Division in Seattle, where her work relates primarily to real estate, trusts and banking law, was also elected to the board. Tollefsen is a member of the board of trustees of the Young Lawyers Division of the Seattle King County Bar Association, and secretary of the Seattle King County Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers. In addition, she is a volunteer attorney for people with AIDS. Tollefsen brings her expertise to the Distinguished Law Graduate and CLE committees of the board.

A veteran of the Law School's Early Entry program who later became a member of Law Review and the "Fredric Cutner Tausend Graduate," **Harold T. Dodge, Jr. '85**, continues his long-standing involvement in law school programs by joining the board. A partner at the law firm of Rush, Hannula and Harkins in Tacoma, practicing personal injury and insurance defense law, Dodge has volunteered as an Alumni/ae Ambassador for Admission and as coordinator for the associates division of the 1989-90 Annual Fund Drive. Dodge will now bring his talents to the Student Affairs Committee.

The new directors were welcomed to their positions in the Society at the annual board retreat held at Dean Bond's home in August.

Leaving the board are president **Jim Lopez '78** who headed the Bar Passage and Nominations Committees in addition to his presidential duties this past year; and Judge **Terry Sebring '74** who served on the Student Affairs Committee. Also leaving the board is **Aaron Owada '83**, who completed two three-year terms which included two years as president and one year as vice-president. Owada was instrumental in developing student programs and helped guide the Society from being an independent organization to its present integration with the Law School.

Continuing their terms on the board are president **David Strout '79** a partner with Danielson, Harrigan and Tollefsen in Seattle; vice president **Mary Jo Heston '80**, U.S. Trustee, Region XVIII; secretary-treasurer **Lynn French '86**, assistant director of finance and administration for the Washington Basic Health Plan; **Douglas J. Hill '81**, a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County; **Sam Pemberton '76**, a private practitioner in Tacoma; and **Susan Adair Dwyer-Shick '86**, assistant professor of legal studies at Pacific Lutheran University.

Adrianne L. Tollefsen '85



OUR NORTHERN EXPOUNDERS

Hello up there...

Over 115 Puget Sound alums live and work in Alaska, one of the largest concentrations of alums outside of Washington state. Alumni/ae in Alaska have recently enjoyed visits by two faculty members. Professor Sheldon Frankel traveled to Anchorage in early October to present a complimentary CLE to alums and Alaska bar members. The CLE, sponsored by the Law Alumni Society and presented in cooperation with the Alaska State Bar Association, focused on the tax issues of "migrant clients"—persons who move from community property states to non-community property states and vice versa—and of persons who live in one type of jurisdiction and own property in another.

Alaska alums also benefited from Puget Sound's "brain trust" when Professor John Strait presented "Ethics: The Hard Quest #2" in September. The program was the second in a series on the Alaska Code of Professional Responsibility that Strait has developed for the Alaska State Bar Association. He addressed groups in Anchorage and Ketchikan. A videotape of the program is being distributed to attorneys in other parts of the state.

INTERVIEWERS NEEDED

As the market for legal jobs declines, we want our students to be as prepared as possible to compete for available positions. Career Services is looking for skilled interviewers who would be willing to conduct two or three mock interviews and give feedback to students at their offices during September and October and again in January and February. Call Career Services at 591-2265 if you'd like to volunteer.



Sam Pemberton '76

JIM RUPP HONORED FOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD AID TO ALL THE PLAYERS

You name it, he's done it...

The list of activities, seemingly endless, is one small way of describing the volunteer spirit of this year's Distinguished Law Graduate, **Jim Rupp**.

In the years since his graduation in 1977, Rupp has served as a member, vice president, and president (for four years) of the Law Alumni Society, edited the *Alumni Society Bulletin*, been a member of and chaired the Distinguished Law Graduate Committee, chaired the '74-'77 Reunion Committee, chaired the corporate counsel panel of Career Services' conference on alternatives to legal practice, judged Moot Court competitions, and spoken at a variety of student programs.

Rupp was honored for his contributions to the Law Alumni Society, the Law School, and the legal profession at the society's annual dinner held in September at the Tacoma Art Museum.

Mary Jo Heston '80, chair of the Distinguished Law Graduate Committee, cited Rupp's role in "organizing the board and many of the things we now take for granted at the Law School" in presenting him with the award. Noting that Rupp was instrumental in founding the award, Heston said that "he probably wasn't nominated earlier because he was either a member or the chair of the committee until 1989!"

About his years of involvement with the Law School, Rupp remembered the many times he left his office in Seattle, and later in Everett, thinking, "My god, this is a long way to drive, what's it all for?" But Rupp kept making the drive because, he said, "I always found that I was refreshed upon leaving because I always met interesting people, and got to see a lot of students and professors and made a lot of friends along the way." Among the

friends who attended the annual dinner held in September at the Tacoma Art Museum to honor Rupp was classmate and former fellow committee member **Mark Patterson '77**, who said about Rupp: "I was always struck by his enthusiasm, the wide range of interests he brought to his work on the committees, and the depth of his support. Basically there was no limit to his support."

Last year's Distinguished Law Graduate Judge **Karen Seinfeld '77** remembered Rupp as being "very sensitive to all of the players in the law school, the faculty, administration, students, and alumni/ae."

Described as a "renaissance man" by Heston, Rupp pursues an active interest in the arts, serving as a member of the Executive Board of the Seattle Art Museum Asian Art Council. He is the author of *Art in Seattle's Public Places: An Illustrated Guide* soon to be published by the University of Washington Press. Those attending the annual dinner were treated to a preview of the book when Rupp presented a short slideshow.

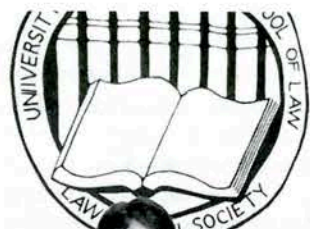
Rupp is also heavily involved in bar activities, working on numerous state and local commit-

tees. He is currently chair-elect of the Corporate Counsel Section Executive Board and has been the program chair for four years and seminars editor for the section newsletter for two years.

This past year Rupp became senior corporate counsel at the John Fluke Mfg. Co. after serving as corporate counsel there since 1985. Prior to joining the John Fluke Mfg. Co., he was an associate with Schweppe, Krug and Tausend in Seattle and clerked with the Honorable Robert W. Winsor of King County Superior Court.

In accepting his award, Rupp said, "My involvement with the Law School has been nothing but rewarding and I recommend it to you all. If you ever have an inclination to assist the law school, whether it's moot court judging or advising students or being on the alumni/ae board, give it a try. It's good fun and you'll be impressed with your profession and those who are ready to enter it."

—Beth Mabel



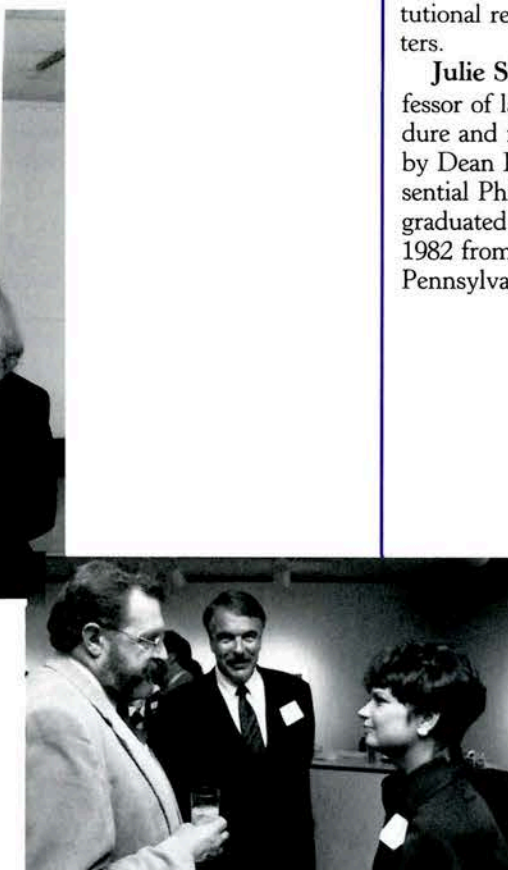
Distinguished Law Graduate **James M. Rupp '77** accepted his honors from Law Alumni Society Board member **Mary Jo Heston '80**.



Among the many alumni/ae and friends who gathered at the Tacoma Art Museum for the Society's Annual Dinner this past September were **Rima Morgan, J. Michael Morgan '88** and **Martha Schaeffer '87**.



Janet Horton '88 and **Tim Bradshaw '88** joined several of their classmates for a class of '88 mini-reunion.



Recent grad **Dorothy Bartholomew '91** chatted with fellow alum **Justice Charles Johnson '77** and Board of Visitor member **Judge Robert J. Bryan**.



Enjoying good company, good art, and good food at the Annual Dinner were former dean **Fredric Tausend**, **Marilyn Tausend**, Society President **David Strout '79** and Director of the Legal Writing Program **Laurel Oates '78**.

EXPERIENCED NEWCOMERS FROM THE EAST

Good news for students & colleagues...

Two new faculty members and a new assistant dean were recently welcomed to Puget Sound.

Named assistant dean for academic and student services is **Donna Claxton Deming**, who came to Puget Sound from Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia where she was assistant dean for admissions and student affairs from 1985 until the present.

She earned a B.A. at Yale University in 1976 and a J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1979. Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, she was an associate with the Philadelphia firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll. A member of the Law School Admissions Council and the Association of American Law Schools, she recently chaired the AALS's Executive Committee on Prelegal Education & Admission to Law School.

At Puget Sound she holds responsibility for the coordination of student registration and records, academic counseling, implementation of student academic policies, and academic advising for first-year students. She also designs institutional research projects and prepares major institutional reports on academic matters.

Julie Shapiro, assistant professor of law, teaches civil procedure and family law. Described by Dean Bond as "the quintessential Philadelphia lawyer," she graduated *magna cum laude* in 1982 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law,

where she was articles editor of the law review and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and before the U.S. Supreme Court, she served a clerkship with the Hon. Joseph S. Lord of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Professor Shapiro has served as a sole practitioner with emphasis on civil and constitutional rights, AIDS discrimination, and police misconduct, and has been a partner in a small civil rights law firm with emphasis on police misconduct, constitutional and civil rights, civil RICO litigation, and criminal defense. She recently taught appellate advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania.

A 1986 *cum laude* graduate of the Harvard Law School, where he served on the law review staff, **Geoffrey R. Watson** has joined our faculty as an assistant professor of law. Admitted to practice in Massachusetts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Professor Watson clerked for the Hon. Harrison L. Winter, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, following his graduation.

From 1987 until coming to Puget Sound, he served in the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser, where he specialized in international criminal law and in legal aspects of U.S. policy toward the Middle East. A participant in the negotiation of extradition and mutual legal assistance treaties, he traveled on diplomatic missions to Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

A member of the American Society of International Law, he teaches international law and contracts.



Donna Claxton Deming



Julie Shapiro



Geoffrey Watson



BURLINGTON RESOURCES AWARD IS A REAL RECHARGING TIME FOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Before taking on tough environmental issues...

One of the nation's most prestigious fellowships for professionals has been awarded to a Puget Sound alumna, **Kaleen Cottingham '84**. A senior executive policy assistant on the Governor's staff in Washington state, Cottingham competed with 70 other applicants to become the fourth winner of the Burlington Resources Fellowship. Granted through the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado, the fellowship carries a \$20,000 stipend and allows Cottingham to work at the University of Colorado this fall, researching the political aspects of alternative-dispute-resolution processes in resolving natural resources disputes.

In her position on the Governor's staff, Cottingham advises on natural resource and tribal issues, with a primary emphasis on water, fisheries, wildlife, forest practices, and agriculture. Prior to joining the Governor's staff, she was senior counsel to both the Washington State Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. She received a B.S. in forest resources from the University of Washington and worked in land-use planning in forestry before attending law school.

Cottingham applied for the fellowship because the hectic pace of her job prevented her from investigating new developments in her area of law.

"I work in a current-events environment, with politics and legislation and citizen complaints, and I have to shoot from the hip so to speak," she said. "It's imperative that I'm up to speed on the latest evolution of natural resources law, whether it be endangered species or water law. All these are changing rapidly."

For her fellowship, Cottingham will investigate solutions to problems associated with newer alternative-dispute-resolution processes that have become popular tools for solving complex political problems.

"The general public is frustrated with the traditional forums for resolving disputes, especially in the natural resources area. They are looking for alternatives, things like policy round tables, negotiated settlements, and such," she said.

"Everybody knows how the legislative process operates or should operate, the judicial system has rules and an outcome, but these alternatives are ad hoc," she noted. "There is a lot of criticism about whether they are fair. People complain that the media is excluded, or that the public is not represented in the closed-door negotiations that are occasionally used. Politicians complain that these techniques only result in a take it or leave it proposition and that there's no political involvement in the processes. And, of course, others say it's too expensive to implement the solutions. What I'm looking at is how to correct some of the problems inherent in the group dynamics."

Cottingham's fellowship is allowing her time to ponder philosophical questions like "How do you determine what the public interest is?" and "How do you represent future generations?" She believes that many of the concerns about alternative-dispute-resolution processes are perception problems and that rethinking the answers to these questions will help the public better understand the usefulness of the new processes.

One month into her fellowship, Cottingham had reached some preliminary ideas which she will eventually incorporate into a published article. "I've come to the conclusion that alternative-dispute-resolution processes are not alternatives. They don't supersede or circumvent the existing systems. They can be adjuncts to the traditional processes. For example, a group of people can't get together and change the direction (of public policy) if the statutes still on the books say that that's not where we're going. They have to take an agreement back to the legislative process to get a change in the laws."

Ultimately, however, these adjunct processes can make the system more efficient. "If you take a look at the number of cases that are filed in courts, most of them settle. And that's really what we're talking about, people getting together and resolving their own differences, and they may do it while they are pursuing litigation or legislative changes as well. It's an adjunct to both those systems."

Of Cottingham's days as a student at Puget Sound, Professor Don Carmichael remembers:

"She was an exceptional law student. She worked hard and thought deeply in her efforts to mesh legal doctrines and processes with issues from her disciplinary background in forestry and planning. She is now in a position to help create the next generation of governmental processes to deal with our toughest natural resource and environmental issues."

Director of the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado, Larry McDonnell, says that the Law Center decided to bring Cottingham to Colorado because, "She could bring her experience, the work she has done in the state of Washington in this area of natural resources, and in particular her experience trying to find some conflict-resolution models to deal with hard policy problems. The notion that progress can be made in public policy disputes by bringing in interested parties to dialogue around specific objectives is very attractive to us. The state of Washington and Governor Gardner have been leaders in that area."

Cottingham says she is enjoying the change in pace. "I work in a very crazy environment in Olympia with the phone ringing constantly, and I'm having quiet time to read entire books, think about articles, and walk around town. I'm recharging my batteries."

—Beth Mabel



Kaleen Cottingham '84

FULBRIGHT AWARD GOES TO TALENTED '91 GRADUATE

Information management is her forte...

Alma Golazeski '91 is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship for work and study in Yugoslavia. The five-month grant will fund a lecture/research position at the University of Ljubljana.

Golazeski's lecturing and research, currently scheduled to begin in January, will be in the business administration aspects of Management Information Systems (MIS). Included in her area of expertise are the disciplines of project management and strategic systems planning, which themselves have layers of subdisciplines, such as cost benefit analysis, information resource management, and risk management.

Golazeski will also be doing research in information technology and knowledge transfer within the context of the European community. It is a field of study she feels is a "key to successful, synergistic global economic development." For example, Golazeski says, "learning how to plan, organize, and staff an information management project and how to build a business model can make the difference between success and failure."

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Golazeski earned a B.A. in mathematics at Rutgers University and an M.B.A. at the University of Puget Sound in 1983. She has worked in the field of Management Information Systems for over twenty years, and currently works as a systems analyst, specializing in designing administrative infrastructures for information management.

The University of Ljubljana, where Golazeski will be doing her lecturing and research, was founded in 1595, and is located in the small but prosperous Alpine republic of Slovenia. Golazeski faces what she sees as a "fun challenge" in learning the language—Slovene—and is studying language tapes in preparation.

Golazeski, enthusiastic about the unique opportunity presented by the Fulbright Scholarship, is grateful to many who helped her receive the grant. Melissa Rosaaen, then in Career Services at the Law School, provided the initial suggestion that she consider the Fulbright program, Golazeski says, and many on the main campus provided information, expertise, and encouragement.

Indeed, Golazeski has a general enthusiasm about her experience at the University of Puget Sound.

"A few years ago," she says, "I decided to pursue post-graduate schooling appropriate to a career in the business aspects of information technology, yet still maintain a full-time job. Besides data communications technology, this field involves international standards, treaties, markets, engineering and software copyrights, and other issues. The part-time evening program at the Law School provided me with the opportunity to gain a legal studies approach to working with these issues. My studies here, both in the M.B.A. and the J.D. programs, gave me an intellectual and pragmatic perspective to approach these issues."

—K.C. Williamson '94

Editor's note: In October, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported that conditions in Yugoslavia had prevented any Fulbright scholars from taking up their positions at Yugoslav universities in the fall. At press time, the status of the assignments for next semester was unclear.



Alma Golazeski '91



GROWING ARMY OF PUGET SOUND GRADUATES AT WORK IN STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FIND CHALLENGE & SATISFACTION IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Weighty issues, helpful colleagues, socially beneficial work...

Their clients number in the millions, spread across the entire state. They take on some of the headiest public issues. And the cases Puget Sound graduates in this office tackle range from enforcing the death penalty to disputes arising under the state's motor vehicle lemon law, from child abuse to insurance frauds against the elderly, from fishing rights to faculty tenure rights. Of some 400 attorneys working at the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, 130 are UPS graduates. Talk to them about their career choice and you'll hear about job satisfaction, unique and varied opportunities, and vast resources available in the pursuit of causes they feel proud to be working on.

KATHLEEN SPONG
In her position as deputy attorney general, **Kathleen Spong '77**, is the highest ranking UPS graduate working at the agency. One of six deputy attorneys general, who report directly to Attorney General Ken Eikenberry and his chief deputy Edward Mackie, she supervises a number of the office's 28 divisions. The divisions under her wing include education, employment security, corrections, and the attorney general's Spokane office.

In addition, Spong supervises recruitment, handles transfers for the entire agency, and takes charge of special projects. She calls it a "challenge to have some level of competency" in the different areas of law pertinent to the divisions she supervises, at the same time ensuring as a manager that her employees are performing well.

Spong joined the attorney general's office after working in the private sector for several years, she said, "because the public sector offered me the experience I wanted." She liked the fact that she did not have to build up a billable client base. She also felt she could make a difference by working on legal problems that would benefit the people of the state, and would like being able to affect legislation that needed changing.

A position with the attorney general's office was "an extraordinary opportunity" to get involved with weighty issues of law early in her career. Within five years,

she had argued cases in all the appellate courts, she said. With a starting salary at the attorney general's office at \$29,400 a year, the job offers "professional rather than material enrichment," Spong said. "Obviously people aren't coming here to make a fortune," she noted. Instead, attorneys work in an atmosphere of respect and camaraderie, surrounded by legally competent colleagues willing to share their expertise with each other. "We can offer it all," Spong added.

LINDA DALTON
At the moment, **Linda A. Dalton '85** is working on three death penalty cases.

An assistant attorney general in the agency's corrections division, Dalton works, in part, to help the state uphold death penalty convictions undergoing federal review.

Convictions that Dalton is arguing the federal government should let stand are those for: Kwan Fai (Willie) Mak, on death row for the Wah Mee massacre in Chinatown; Patrick Jeffries, who murdered an elderly couple in Clallam County; and David Rice, convicted of murdering the Goldmark family in Seattle.

Her death penalty cases and other habeas corpus work is less consuming than her additional responsibilities: work on disciplinary cases against employees, defense of the corrections department against discrimination suits, and work on labor contracts, to name a few.

While the habeas corpus cases can take one to two years, the other issues come fast and furiously, engaging her in "a lot of different issues in a very short timeframe," she said.

In search of something more stable, Dalton left private practice to work for the attorney general's office in 1987. Happy with her choice to work in the public sector, Dalton lauded the "tremendous amount of support you get from this type of organization."

In the area of professional growth, she says she "learned much more in the last 4 1/2 years than I would have in private practice."

STEVEN RENEAUD
Steven W. Reneaud '90, an assistant attorney general, marked his first anniversary of working at the attorney general's office in August. He hooked up with the office right after graduation, following a year of clerking for the agency. Based in the agency's Tacoma office, he represents the Department of Social and Health Services.

Reneaud's primary duty is to represent DSHS when it has determined that a child needs to be removed from an abusive or neglectful situation. He and other attorneys in his division work with DSHS to try to achieve the agency's ultimate goal of reuniting the family or establishing some other permanent place for the child if necessary, he said.

DSHS is also involved with licensing day care centers and foster homes, which means Reneaud gets involved with revocation of licenses.

He especially likes to delve into the constitutional questions which arise with some frequency and which range from questions about the separation of powers between the judiciary and executive branch to the rights of children to an attorney when their liberty is substantially constrained, he said.

The job offers him an opportunity to get experience he might not otherwise receive as a starting attorney. Many of the issues he grapples with are not likely to come up for a starting attorney in private practice, he said. But for Reneaud, the experience is not the only thing he values about the job.

"It's a chance to create good law," he said.

LAURIE JINKINS
For **Laurie Jinkins '90**, the most satisfying moments at her job are when she has helped DSHS reunite families.

"That's the best feeling," she said. Jinkins also works at the attorney general's Tacoma office for DSHS, representing agency social workers who have determined a child needs to be removed from an abusive situation.

The job "lets the social worker in me get out," she said. "I enjoy people a great deal. Even in the worst situations, it's good for me to learn about people's lives. It's wonderful to feel like you're a white knight saving kids."

She feels best about her job when parents seek the needed services and can be reunited with their children, she said.

Since graduating, Jinkins has chosen a life in the public sector, working for the public defender's office and the Tacoma school systems before joining the attorney general's office last April.

"I think that I'm happier in what I perceive as a less pressured environment," said Jinkins.

It is not that people in the attorney general's office work less hard, but that they don't have to answer to partners and get the billable hours, she explained.

MEREDITH WRIGHT MORTON
In her capacity of senior counsel with the attorney general's office, **Meredith Wright Morton '78** is the office chief for the agency's labor and industries division. That means overseeing 16 attorneys and some 20 clerical and support staff.

When the Legislature is considering a new law or revising old ones—for example, beefing up the child labor law—then Morton's office helps the Department of Labor and Industries to draft regulations which will comply with the Legislature's mandate. She is responsible for advising the deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industries as well.

As part of her job, she also represents the Washington Horseracing Commission, which regulates thoroughbred horseracing. The commission is currently grappling with the issue of where to site a new race track in Western Washington. With the purchase of Longacres by the Boeing Company, the commission has received two proposals and expects a third for a new track in the area. Hearings were to begin in November, she said. One plan calls for a track in Fife. Another would place the track in Olympia, while a third proposal suggests a location in Auburn.

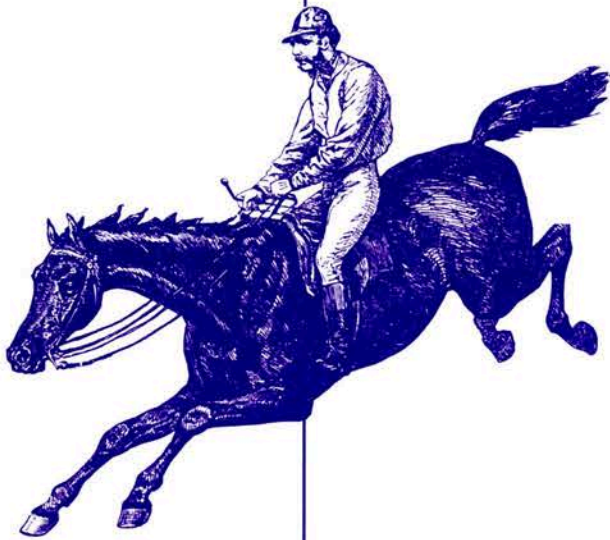
The commission's task is to decide which spot is best, although local boards and commissions also have a say. Morton's job is to help the horseracing commission with the questions of law, such as the legalities involved in the applications.

Working for the attorney general's office means working in an atmosphere of teamwork, Morton said. With a wide variety of resources available in different departments, it is easy to pick up the phone and call a colleague.

"Since we have so many people, we can draw on a lot of resources," she said.

Morton, who was involved in setting up the law clerk recruiting program at the attorney general's office, believes the office provides a good start for young lawyers.

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Kathleen Spong '77



Steven Reneaud '90



Laurie Jinkins '90



Meredith Wright Morton '78

Working on significant legal issues...

"I know our attorneys are given a lot of responsibility very early on," she said, pointing out that one attorney who passed the bar in July already has 10 cases assigned.

"For someone just out of law school, it's challenging," she said. "There's a lot of opportunity for growth."

AARON OWADA

Aaron Owada '83, has worked in both the public and private sectors. After starting with the attorney general's office, then going into private practice in 1987, Owada decided to return to the public sector.

He now works for the labor and industries division, a job that means representing the Department of Labor and Industries on issues ranging from workers compensation prosecutions to challenges to the agency's decisions, he said. One of his responsibilities includes taking on state safety and health violations cases. The unit works to assess fines for employers who are found to have safety violations. In fact, he helped start a national organization of attorneys who represent state OSHA claims.

Owada didn't return to the public sector for the money.

"We're not getting rich doing this," he said.

But there are other advantages and he feels he has a chance to make a difference. And he can wake up knowing that he's doing some good in his work.

"It's like putting on a white hat, so to speak," he said.

KATHLEEN STOCKMAN

Kathleen Stockman '89 is also happy to be in public service.

"I have a public service bent," she said.

As a long-time army nurse, Stockman has had extensive experience in the public sector. She started working for the attorney general's office over a year ago, after clerking at the state Supreme Court.

Stockman also works for the attorney general's office representing DSHS, although she will soon be spending half her time representing labor and industries, she said.

While there are positives on both private and public practice, she sees the pluses at her job as gaining experience in different areas of law and honing important lawyering skills.

"It's a good place to develop your basic litigation skills," she said.

ROBERT HARGREAVES

Within one year of starting at the attorney general's office, Robert C. Hargreaves '78 stood before the state Supreme Court on a case.

That's the way it works at the agency, Hargreaves and others said. Newly hired attorneys step into challenging situations early on.

As the litigation team chief for shellfish litigation, Hargreaves is readying the state's court case on the Native American claims on harvesting shellfish. The litigation is a subproceeding of the Boldt decision, a ruling allowing Native Americans 50 percent fishing rights for salmon and steelhead. In 1989, 16 tribes filed subproceedings requesting the federal court determine the extent of their off-reservation treaty rights to harvest shellfish.

A whole host of issues are involved in the case, including what types of shellfish should be included in the agreement and what kind of land. According to the attorney general's office, the tribes want a declaration that they can gather all types of shellfish from tidelands regardless of the ownership. The attorney general's initial response in 1989 was to assert that any right to gather shellfish would only include species harvested at treaty time and any right to harvest shellfish does not extend to lands set aside for specific purposes.

"It's not a cut and dried issue," Hargreaves said.

Hargreaves, who started at the attorney general's office in 1978, said, "I have the call to be involved with public issues at the forefront of the law."

Throughout his career there, he has worked in the corrections, special litigation, and utilities and transportation divisions.

"The opportunities abound to explore many facets of law," he said.

Hargreaves, like others, enjoys the atmosphere of the office and the responsibilities that go with the position.

CAROLE RESSLER

Carole A. Ressler '89 is an assistant attorney general for the special litigation division. Ressler sometimes works with the Secretary of State's Office, and recently that has meant defending a challenge to the voting initiative which would have limited the terms of state and federal lawmakers. The attorney general's office won the case to keep the initiative on the ballot, but voters defeated the initiative in the November election.

Another issue she expects will keep her busy in the future is the defense of Washington's right to keep a ninth Congressional seat that was awarded as a result of the census, Ressler said.

Besides the Secretary of State's Office, the special litigation division takes on a whole host of state agency clients, ranging from the Washington State Arts Commission to the Department of Community Development.

Her job means doing a variety of things: she gives legal advice to clients, develops legislation, and defends statutes.

Ressler, who started working at the attorney general's office in January 1990, has found excellent opportunities for in-house training and a high caliber of colleagues. She appreciates working with highly knowledgeable people in specialized areas.

"The quality of attorneys is extraordinarily high and the resources for getting help are terrific," as are the opportunities for getting into different areas of law within the numerous divisions in many locations throughout the state, she said.

Like others at the attorney general's office, Ressler said she chose this life for a reason, even

though a private sector job would probably have meant \$20,000 more a year starting salary.

"It's a different perspective. I'm a big advocate for the public sector," she said.

SHIRLEY BATTAN

Not everyone can say what Shirley Battan '76 emphatically declares: "I really like my job."

Battan is chief of the attorney general's agriculture and parks and recreation divisions, supervising a staff of six.

She represents the department of agriculture, a responsibility that includes enforcing the state's pesticide laws. When someone uses pesticides that cause harm or damage, or applies chemicals in a negligent manner, that person is subject to fines or license revocation, she said. Her job also entails representing the state's 22 commodity commissions, such as the dairy and wine commissions.

As part of her job advising the parks department, she represents the resources division. That means Battan encounters all the questions that relate to land owned by a public body. When it comes to acquiring land, the process can generate numerous legal issues, she said.

In between stints at the attorney general's office and other public sector jobs, Battan spent time in private practice. She views the difference between public and private as the distinction between working on significant legal issues or significant personal issues.

"I feel that the issues I handle for the state of Washington are far more significant than what I was handling in private practice," said Battan, who insisted she was not denigrating private practice.

But for herself, Battan says, "I don't imagine I'll ever leave this again."

—Gail Pruitt '94

BRIEFS

Solid performance...

A solid 79.3 percent of Class of 1991 test-takers have passed the most recent Washington state bar examination.

According to information released in early October by the State Bar Association, 850 persons sat for the July 1991 exam, including 163 attorney applicants. Statewide pass rate was 77.6 percent.

In a report issued to the Law School community October 10, Dean Jim Bond noted that rank in class continues to correlate strongly with bar pass performance. For example, he said, students in the top half of the class passed at a rate of 91 percent. Cumulative pass rate for students in all but the bottom 10 percent of the class was close to 83 percent, he added.

A total of 203 Puget Sound law graduates—164 from the most recent graduating class—took the exam, accounting for over half of the 399 test-takers from Washington's three law schools. UPS ranked second to the University of Washington in overall bar pass performance at 73.3 percent.



A 1985 graduate of Puget Sound Law School, Sheryl Garland, has been installed as president of Washington Women Lawyers, a 700-member association.

Garland was also honored as "Board Member of the Year" at the association's October meeting.

As president of Washington Women Lawyers, Garland will oversee the organization's mission to promote the full integration of women in the legal profession. The association also works to promote equal rights and opportunities for women and to prevent discrimination against women.

Garland, an associate at Revelle, Ries & Hawkins, P.S., of Bellevue, is a member of the litigation department there. Her practice emphasizes real estate and commercial litigation.



Calling all past Women's Law Caucus members.

You are invited to become alumnae members of the caucus. Current Women's Law Caucus members would like to re-establish the senior mentor program and need alumnae who are willing to act as senior mentors. If you don't have time for that, they want you to rejoin and receive mailings and the *Women's Voice* newsletter. Contact Melisa Evangelos UPS Law School Women's Caucus, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma WA 98402.



Aaron Owada '83



Carole Ressler '89



Sheryl Garland '85

SCENES FROM A SIBERIAN SUMMER

Once-in-a-lifetime ride through momentous times in Russia...

Richard Birmingham '78, whose idea of how to unwind after taking the bar exam was to get on a bicycle and ride 3,000 miles from Seattle to Boston, has been at it again. This time, from Novosibirsk, the capital of Siberia, 4,000 miles to the Pacific seaport of Vladivostok. That's across Siberia, along the route of the Trans-Siberian Railway. He did it last summer in 76 days, with stops to enjoy a few days at Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake, and to see the Dalai Lama at a small town outside of Irkutsk.

Much of the route crosses a vast plateau classified as an area of permafrost, where the land is permanently frozen to a depth of 50-60 feet. In the short Siberian summers, only the top 3-4 feet melt, forming swamps, mud holes, and breeding grounds for mosquitos. The ride, sponsored by the Soviet government, was organized by a group of Russian bicyclists from the Institute of Civil Engineering at Novosibirsk as the

first leg of a 4-year around-the-world ride to promote world peace.

All of the American riders were from Seattle and, like Richard, had responded to an ad in the Cascade Bicycle Club newsletter. Richard decided to break away from his demanding job as a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle to take the ride because he felt it was a unique time in Russian history and he wanted to see the countryside before it changes and modernizes. When he flew in to Moscow in June, the hammer and sickle of the Communist Party was flying over the Kremlin: when he returned in August, the red, white and blue flag of the Bolsheviks had replaced it. Of the 20, (11 Soviets and 9 Seattleites) who started the ride on June 18, 12 rode together into Vladivostok on August 31.

Calling the adventure "the most demanding trip I've ever been on and the most primitive," Richard likened it to being

in the Alaska of Jack London in the early 1900s. Bread was a penny a loaf, meals in workers' cafeterias 3 to 6 cents, and outside of cities, amenities like indoor plumbing and running water were not to be found. At the end of a strenuous day's ride, instead of the Americans' customary refreshing beer in a tavern and relaxing dip in a hot tub, he said, "often, if we wanted to shower, we'd get in push-up position in front of the town well and throw buckets of water on each other."

Describing himself as "a type-A personality like most lawyers," Richard said he enjoys bicycle trips because, while still being goal-oriented, one is forced to enjoy the scenery for a longer time and in an easier manner than along an Interstate. "Also, you come into better contact with the people, and they're more interested in you. They treat you as if you've earned the right to be in their town," he said.

Some of the sights and people he photographed along the way appear on this page.



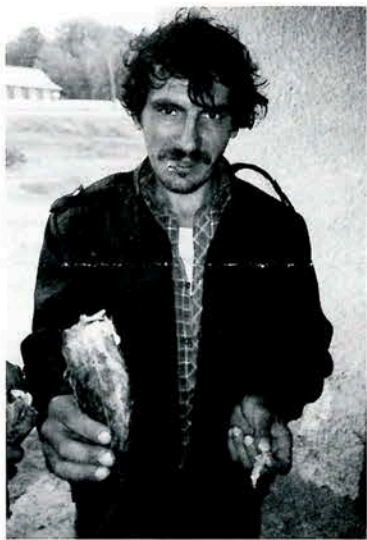
At the square in Novosibirsk, under the statues of Bolshevik revolutionaries, the ride began.



One of the better roads, leading past a Russian Orthodox church outside Irkutsk.



In a small village west of Irkutsk, this woman was hoping to barter some dairy products.



A few days into the trip, this worker on a collective farm enticed Richard, while waiting for other riders to catch up, to feast on dried fish.



On a 90-degree, more than 100-mile day, when the support truck had failed to show up, this woman and her granddaughter took Richard into their home for a meal of bread, meat, and cottage cheese.



The roads, from passable to non-existent, proved a formidable obstacle to touring. "Periodic paths, occasional roads, and more than 400 miles of absolutely no road at all, when we were riding down swamps, walking creek beds and railroad tracks, and pushing our bikes for 4 or 5 hours at a time," is Richard's recollection. Even so, in their 57 days of riding, the group averaged 70 miles a day, sometimes riding for 13 hours.

A few of many Russian vendors and browsers at the public market in Irkutsk, a 17th century Cossack encampment, now a city of a half-million.



Faces of the devout, waiting at Ulan-Ude to see the Dalai Lama who was there to celebrate 250 years of official recognition of Buddhism in Russia. Some 1,300 miles into the trip, the bicyclists spent 5 days there.

A moment of serenity on an otherwise arduous trip: sunset over Lake Baikal. One in every 5 drops of fresh water on the planet is in this lake, as are 1,500 unique life forms, from emerald green sponges to small freshwater seals.



Arriving in a small village several hours ahead of the group provided the highlight of the trip: Richard and his riding companion, Mike Goldberg, invited to join in a wedding reception taking place at a workers' cafeteria, had all their dance cards filled. Above, Richard and the grandmother of the bride.



Seattle finishers in Vladivostok: from left, Richard Birmingham, Mike Goldberg, Earl Bone, Jane Opgaard and Bert Lambert.

CROSS OVER DREAMS: SEEKING NEW WAYS TO TEACH LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS

So many sources, so little training...

This is the second in a series of articles written by our research librarians as an aid to graduates in practice.

It is axiomatic that a student's professional development inside law school is very different from that in practice. Differing expectations of what skills should be learned in law school lead some to overlook a common goal shared by law school and practice: foundation-building for a lifetime of professional development.

In academic and law firm libraries, the "law school to law practice debate" focuses particularly on how to teach legal research skills that are useful in both law school and practice. Recently, a survey, published in the *Journal of Legal Education*, evaluated the research skills of summer and first-year associates from six of the nation's top law schools. The authors concluded that summer clerks and first-year associates lack the most basic legal research skills. They are "woefully ill-prepared to research the types of issues they are assigned, they are unable to design effective research strategies, and they do not fully understand the mechanics of even the most basic legal research tools." Computer-assisted legal research skills were also found to be weak as students "do not understand how to integrate computerized legal research services proficiently into the total research process and often conduct searches that are minimally successful and unnecessarily costly."

Why have legal research skills declined? The rapid growth in the number and complexity of legal sources may be one cause. Today's blizzard of legal information may make less-experienced attorneys feel lost in a legal research snow storm. The number of secondary sources, treatises, looseleaf services and books focusing on specific areas of law practice have increased greatly. An even more dramatic change is shown by a comparison in the growth of case law over the last twenty years:

1970	
Federal Cases	15,719
State Cases	30,794
Total	46,513
(Washington-only Cases)	543
1980	
Federal Cases	32,627
State Cases	64,165
Total	96,792
(Washington-only Cases)	1,885
1990	
Federal Cases	54,361
State Cases	106,093
Total	160,454

(Washington-only Cases 1,209
Well, that's a relief but not enough to indicate a downward trend!)

Some of this increase is undoubtedly due to the number of unpublished cases that are now reported online in LEXIS and WESTLAW. This consolation does not last long when one realizes that the case reporters, both bound and online, do not report all of the cases.

Another possible cause of a reduction in research competence is the short shrift given to learning legal research and writing at some law schools. At many schools the intricacies of legal research are imparted to first-year students by second- and third-year student instructors. In addition, vendor-sponsored programs that give each student unlimited use of LEXIS and WESTLAW encourage students to ignore the need to learn traditional legal research tools and methods. This can truly be a weakness since surveys of student clerks show that traditional legal research, not computerized legal research, is still the overwhelming norm in law practice.

Fortunately, UPS has taken a different approach. Our nationally recognized, two-year legal writing program affords students twice the opportunity to improve their writing and basic legal research skills. First-year legal writing provides instruction in such basics as digests, case law reporters, statutes, legal encyclopedias and Shepard's. Second-year focuses on appellate brief writing and the research required to produce this work product. In an attempt to encourage students to develop significant legal research skills in first year, students are required to employ traditional legal research methods only. LEXIS and WESTLAW training is reserved until completion of the first year.

Experienced law-trained reference librarians are another important factor in legal research instruction. Working in conjunction with the legal writing instructors, librarians conduct workshops and provide direction for student researchers. Point-of-use training by librarians helps to introduce students to practice materials and important secondary sources. Point-of-use is like the CIA's "need to know": when a student rushes up with a problem, the librarian teaches them what they need to know!



Faye Jones

Pathfinders to help students with research questions when a librarian is not available are another way to assist students in developing research skills. A large series of these "how to do it" are now in production for student use. (We'll be glad to share them with any alumni/ae who wants to see if they might be of use in training clerks or new associates.)

What more can be done to improve research skills for law students and new associates? Law schools are trying a variety of approaches. Offering an advanced legal research course is a growing trend. Over 67 law schools now offer such a course. An initial advanced legal research class is scheduled for UPS Law School in spring semester 1992. It will be taught by the reference librarians (Bob Menanteaux, Kelly Kunsch, and Faye Jones.)

Training coalitions, composed of lawyers, law firm librarians and academic law librarians, also aim to strengthen the research skills of budding lawyers. These partners work together to improve law school legal research training and to develop in-law-firm research courses. Their goal is to teach skills that cross over from law school to law practice by using client-based, real-life fact patterns that integrate all of the departments of a law firm. Some lawyers like to call this the "megadeal" model because it demonstrates how real world legal research impacts the departments within a law firm.

Adding a legal research component to the bar exam has been suggested as another way to improve the legal research skills of law students. Proponents feel that testing legal research skills on the bar would provide incentive for students to pay more attention to learning legal research. Although opponents argue that testing such skills would be difficult to do, those in support of the idea point to the success of practicum testing in some bar exams.

Do you have a role in the professional development of law students and new attorneys? Yes, most definitely. Professional development begins in law school and continues throughout each attorney's career. Professional interaction provides each of us with opportunities to assist in the growth of less-experienced colleagues. Congratulations—now you can add law professor to your resume! And, yes, we're inviting you to try out your professional skills: Please provide us with your insights, comments and suggestions on ways to improve legal research instruction.

—Faye Jones



SYMPOSIUM TO FOCUS ON STATE'S UNIQUE SEXUAL PREDATOR LAW

Necessary protection or dangerous precedent?

One of the hottest issues debated last spring at the Law School was the constitutionality of the state's law allowing prosecutors to initiate commitment proceedings against convicted sex offenders, with commitment to involuntary treatment if a jury determines that the person is likely to reoffend.

Pitted against each other at a standing-room-only event were Professor David Boerner, who drafted the law as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Community Safety, and Professor John La Fond, who filed an amicus curiae brief in support of appellants Andre Brigham Young and Vance Russell Cunningham, a case currently before the State Supreme Court.

Boerner, describing the law as a constitutional and necessary exercise of the police power, contended that the scope of the law is narrow. Procedural safeguards, such as annual review and a jury hearing before commitment, along with the requirement that the state provide treatment for those committed argue for the statute's constitutionality, he said.

La Fond, who has been interviewed about the statute by numerous national news organizations, argued strongly that the law is a dangerous precedent that sets up lifetime preventive detention for a class of offenders and a dangerous new interpretation of mental illness and criminality. He described the procedural safeguards as "illusory," and the state's ability to predict whether an individual would reoffend as poor.

Interest in the state's "sexual predator statute" is widespread because the law is unique among state laws. It is invoked after a person has served a criminal sentence and provides for civil commitment. Persons who have committed serious sexual offenses, nearing the end of their sentences or living in the community, can be committed to a special psychiatric prison if a jury finds they suffer from a mental abnormality or personality disorder which makes them likely to reoffend. It does not require a new criminal charge.

Given the widespread interest in the statute, the *UPS Law Review* will present a symposium on the subject in the spring. In addition to our own faculty and local experts in law and psychiatry, nationally recognized authorities in law and psychiatry will present papers. Already scheduled for the early March event are James Ellis, professor of law at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Judith Becker, professor of psychiatry at the University of Arizona, Alexander Brooks, emeritus professor of law at Rutgers University, and Dr. Robert Wettstein, professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh, among others.

Following the symposium, the papers will be published in the spring 1992 issue of the *UPS Law Review*.

For more information and registration procedures, contact Ken Masters, Law Review Office, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma WA 98402, phone (206)591-2995.



John La Fond



David Boerner

ALUMNI NOTES: AWARDS RECEIVED & ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED, NEW FIRMS FORMED & NEW OFFICES OPENED, CASES WON & ARTICLES WRITTEN...

Let us know what's happening with you...

Congratulations to the alums and friends of Puget Sound practicing in Washington who are listed in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Classmates **Gayle E. Bush '76** of Culp, Guterson & Grader in Seattle and **Jack J. Cullen '76** of Foster Pepper & Sheffelman were recognized for their work in business reorganization, creditors' rights, debtors' rights and bankruptcy litigation. Recognized in the area of criminal defense was **Dan R. Dubitzky '77** who has a solo practice in Seattle. **Janet A. George '74** was one of a handful of Washington attorneys honored in the family law area. She also has a private practice in Seattle. LeSourd & Patten attorney **Judd R. Marten '77** was recognized in the employee benefits area. Friends of the law school listed include former Dean **Fredric C. Tausend**, who now practices with Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis in Seattle, and Board of Visitors member **Lembhard G. Howell**, a private practitioner in Seattle. The listing includes only slightly more than one percent of the nation's attorneys.

The Seattle law firm of Keating, Bucklin & McCormack announced that fellow alums **William P. Schoel '84** and **Michael C. Walter '83** have been made shareholders.

Nicholas George '89 has opened a new office in the Logan Building in downtown Seattle.

Jefferson County has hired **Walter Perry '82** as a new deputy prosecutor in its Prosecutor's Office. Perry previously was a deputy prosecutor with Thurston County. In his new position, Perry will handle district court, child dependency and paternity matters.

Jeffrey A. Meehan '88 has joined the Vancouver, Wash. law firm of Landerholm, Memovich, Lansverk & Whitesides. Meehan serves as Chapter 7 Panel Trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Clark, Klickitat and Skamania counties.

Washington Governor Booth Gardner appointed **Carol A. Wardell '81** as a Superior Court Judge for Chelan and Douglas Counties. She then won the seat in the November election.

Not content to rest on his laurels, **Mike Jordan '82** has added another career to his repertoire. Jordan has been appointed associate professor of journalism and director of student publications at

Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. He will teach newswriting and communications law and advise the university's student newspaper and other student publications. Jordan will continue in his position as assistant managing editor at the *Press Enterprise* of Riverside County.

Taking the plunge into private practice is recent graduate **Tracy "Ace" Forsythe '89**. With his office set up in downtown Seattle, he reports he is averaging one new client a day.

Amy AhMee Wong '90 writes that she and **R. Scott Wrenn '88** were married last year. They are the proud parents of Christopher Robert Chet'Ah Wrenn, 4 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. born on June 26 in Olympia.

The Tacoma firm of Girolami, Wood, Meyers & Meikle has announced that **James R. Cushing '80** has joined the firm.

The Seattle-King County Bar Association adopted a position supporting construction of two separate regional justice centers in suburban King County. Serving on the special Bar Association Task Force which recommended this position were **Timothy Edwards '77**, **Valerie Hoff '78**, **Sharon Sakamoto '84**, and **Mary Wechsler '79**.

In other bar news, **Patrick Connelly '78** is now treasurer of the Spokane County Bar Association and **Mary Spillane '81** is treasurer for the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association. The Klamath County (Oregon) Bar Association elected **Robert Foltyn '76** as vice president. **Kevin Underwood '85**, and **Darrell Uptegraft '83** recently rallied to help out the Kitsap County Bar Neighborhood Advice Panel. The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers elected **Steve Hayne '74** as vice president/west, and **Al Lyon '78**, **Judy Mandel '77**, and **Michael Iaria '82** to the board of governors. **Patricia Bosmans '78** was elected to the board of directors of the Washington Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Puget Sound alums are extremely active in the Asian Bar Association of Washington, as a recent association newsletter demonstrated. Five alums serve as board members for the organization including secretary **Karen Goon '87**, Judicial Rating committee chair **Valerie Bell '80**, Education co-chair **Tina Kondo '81**, Membership co-chair **Donald Mukai '85** and Student Scholarship Liaison **Marlene**

Yamashita '88. The ABAW also had the privilege of hosting this year's third annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention held in Seattle in early November. Co-chairing the organizing committee were classmates **Mimi Castillo '84** and **Sharon Sakamoto '84**.

Judge Roger A. Bennett '75 and his colleagues on the Clark County Superior Court bench were honored by the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association for their work in case management and expediting case resolution. The court's system of assigning cases to a judge at filing has won statewide praise. The average time it takes to get a case to trial was reduced from two to three years to three to four months.

Representative **Ron Meyers '82** won his second state Supreme Court case last May when a fire-works company was found liable for injuries caused by a mis-guided rocket. Rep. Meyers works as a personal injury lawyer when not in session with the Washington State House of Representatives.

Misty Mondress '86 has joined the Seattle law firm Davies, Roberts & Reid's ERISA department.

Sending a note from his home in Washington, D.C., **Michael Bowman '80** reports that he is writing a book on the history of the practice of law in the Navy. It is slated to be published next year. Bowman serves as counsel in the Office of General Counsel for the Navy.

Margaret Easton Arms '85 has joined the Seattle firm of Short Cressman & Burgess.

Cheers to Tacoma attorney **Elaine (Bulley) Houghton '79** who was honored as one of two

Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association. Houghton was recognized for her work in *Ayers v. Johnson & Johnson Baby Products* and *Casteel v. United Bank*, which capped a series of highly successful and innovative cases she handled this past year. In *Casteel*, she and her co-counsel successfully excluded an intentional tort-feasor from the empty-chair position under the joint and several liability rules of the Tort Reform Act.

The Washington State Bar News published an article by **Zachary Mosner '79** in its August issue in which he discussed recent developments related to credit agreements. He recommended several strategies to strengthen a lender's legal position so as to not be "Badgered by Badgett."

Joining LeSourd & Patten's contingent of Puget Sound alums is **Craig Gilbert '89**. And newly associated with Wilson, Smith, Cochran & Dickerson is **Peter Livengood '87**.

Making a lateral move from US WEST Communications based in downtown Seattle, **Donald Mukai '85** is now house counsel for US WEST's New Vector Group. Headquartered in Bellevue, Wash., New Vector Group is the company's cellular phone division.

Mary Anne Elsasser '85, a private practitioner in Seattle, is a contact for the first Washington Lawyers' Campaign for Hunger Relief.

The *Puget Sound Business Journal* recently featured an analysis by **Henry Liebman '80** of the Immigration Act of 1990. Liebman is a partner with the Seattle firm of Franco, Asia, Bensussen & Cos where he practices immigration and nationality law.

BOOMING RETIREMENT PLANS

Directing a company that made over \$3 million in sales last year, **Jeff Cashman '78** is a testament to where good planning and hard work can take you.

Cashman is president of a company—which he started three months before graduating from law school—which designs, installs and administers retirement plans. With the financial backing of insurance agent John Meisenbach, Cashman got IPC Pension Services Co. off the ground the old fashioned way. "I had a plan from the very beginning," he says. That plan involved meeting with as many attorneys as possible to explain his services. The referrals began trickling in and steadily increased to the point that he owned half of the company. He and his partner sold the company to a savings and loan company in 1986, only to buy it back when the thrift ran into financial troubles.

Cashman attended law school because he "wanted to be a lawyer." And a law degree increased his credibility. "It makes your clients more comfortable," he says. Cashman knew the training would be invaluable in the business world he had already entered. Attending law school in the evenings, Cashman sold insurance during the days prior to starting IPC.

Now president and co-owner of IPC, Cashman is looking forward to a decade in which baby boomers will begin saving at unprecedented rates. Says Cashman, "The baby boomers were in high consumption years in the 70s and 80s, and now they are changing over to high savings years. The demographics of the country are going to push the savings rate up."

Cashman's company is geared to meet that challenge.



Jeff Cashman '78



William P. Schoel '84



Carol A. Wardell '81



Michael C. Walter '83



Elaine (Bulley) Houghton '79



Donald Mukai '85



More notes...

Tony Froehling '77 and Alvin Mayhew '75 have contracted with the city of SeaTac to do its indigent criminal defense work.

Stephen Frost '74 has established a new general civil practice in Spokane. Admitted in both Alaska and Washington, Frost continues an active interest in Alaska legal matters.

Governor Gardner recently signed a bill into law which will expand the pool of potential jurors. Representative Jesse Wineberry '86 sponsored the bill.

Writing to thank the organizers of the Class of '81 reunion, Susan M. Stanley '81 reported that she and a colleague have set up their own law firm, Stanley & Nagler, in Seattle. Focusing on bankruptcy law, both will represent creditors, debtors, trustees, and creditors' committees.

Stanley "fell into bankruptcy law" when she began clerking ten years ago for Judge Steiner, now the Chief Bankruptcy Judge in the Western District of Washington. A member of the Executive Committee for the Washington State Bar Creditor-Debtor Section and head of the Subcommittee on Exemptions, she drafted and proposed legislation to increase Washington's personal property exemptions during 1991. The bill was signed into law and became effective this past summer.

The law firm of Hanemann & Bateman, co-owned by Jack Hanemann '75, announced that Randel A. Jones '88 has been made a partner at the firm. She practices in the areas of domestic law, sports and entertainment

SAVE THE DATE

Save Friday, September 25, 1992, for next year's Law Alumni Society Annual Dinner. It will be held in Tacoma in conjunction with the Law School's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.

law, and personal injury. The Olympia firm will now be known as Hanemann, Bateman and Jones. Robert H. Raymond '88 has joined the firm as an associate and will practice in the area of real estate law. He is a licensed land surveyor.

In a recent edition of the *Seattle-King County Bar Bulletin*, Donna McNamara '85, Chair of the Young Lawyers Division, encouraged members to become involved in the activities of the bar. Highlighting the importance of telling employers about volunteer responsibilities, McNamara suggested active members remind employers that volunteer service to the bar benefits firms, volunteers and the profession alike.

Lawyer seconds McNamara's advice, reminding you that there are many opportunities to volunteer at the Law School. Moot Court, the alternative legal careers conference called CHOICES, and the Law Alumni Society, are a few of the programs that depend on alumni/ae participation. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Alumni/ae Affairs Office at 591-2288.

Don't forget to send your news and updates. Your classmates and friends want to know what you are doing. Our address is: Alumni/ae Affairs Office, University of Puget Sound Law School, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402.

AT LONG LAST: SOME GOOD LAWYER STORIES

A full-color photograph of an energetic woman with the headline, "Telling Your Client's Story to the Jury—A Lawyer-Turned-Storyteller Tells You How," adorns the cover of a recent issue of the *Tennessee Bar Journal*. The woman, dressed in bright red and in an animated pose, is Sharon Creeden '80, who has successfully marketed her innovative profession of "lawyer-turned-storyteller" to Bar Associations across Washington—and increasingly across the country.

The twists of Creeden's career make a good story in and of themselves. She entered law school when she was 39 and experiencing a "mid-life crisis." After graduating from Puget Sound she tried cases as a criminal deputy prosecutor for King County, where she was known occasionally to bring flowers into the courtroom for a trial. Two years later, burned out and ready to try something new, she quit. The something new came to her while attending a storytelling concert. Creeden took some storytelling classes, and soon began teaching storytelling at local community colleges.

She began to combine her experience as an attorney with her new love of storytelling. "It wasn't until I got involved in the renaissance of storytelling that I mastered the art of engaging and holding an audience. After telling stories in a tent at the National Storytelling Festival in Tennessee and at the Folklife Festival in Seattle, I thought, 'Why don't lawyers use storytelling during trials?'"

Increasingly she has been a presenter at legal workshops and trainings, most recently the Washington State Attorney General's annual summer staff retreat. She has taken her workshop, "Telling Your Client's Story to the Jury" to the North Dakota Bar Convention and has produced a tape, "Trust a Lawyer to Beat the Devil: Folktales of Law and Justice." Feedback has been very positive, she said. "I find lawyers are very responsive to storytelling. It brings out the curiosity of their advocate minds."

Creeden draws much of her work from folk tales which she re-vamps for contemporary audiences, but she also writes some stories.

"I'm now working on a program called 'Proud to be a Lawyer.' When I tell people I'm a storyteller and lawyer, their response is to tell me a bad lawyer joke. I decided to collect some good lawyer stories. I'm doing some biographical sketches of lawyers, including Lincoln and Frances Scott Key."

Creeden is also planning to use contemporary stories from attorneys she knows in the Seattle area in her new series. And her purpose is clear. "I want to awaken attorneys' call to justice and mercy," she said.



Sharon Creeden '80

SPECIAL SIDELIGHTS FROM THE CLASS OF '81

They're good, they're fast...

At reunion time, we get reports of some highlights and sidelights in the lives of our graduates. From this year's reunion group, the Class of '81, Beth Mabel, assistant director of alumni/ae affairs, gleaned the following items.

Did you know...?

—that Carolyn Pauw Barden closed the Benaroya sale to Trammell Crow.

—that Martha J. Dawson was counsel for the State of Alaska in Exxon Valdez Oil Spill litigation.

—that Tom Galligan has received the students' Favorite Professor Award at the Louisiana State University Law Center four times in the last five years.

—that Doug Hill finished 87th in the '88 Hawaii Iron Man Triathlon.

—that Pamela McKee was the attorney who negotiated the sale of Marie's Salad Dressing Company in 1988.

—that Joe Piper got his first job as a lawyer despite the fact that a cherry tomato in his salad exploded onto his tie during the luncheon interview.

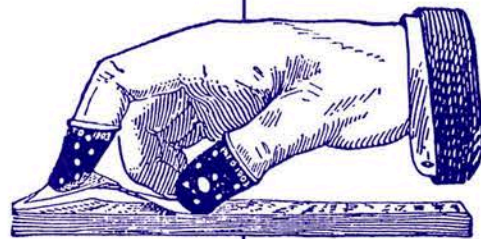
—that Jeff Jahns once successfully argued to a jury that the reason his client drove over 100 mph trying to escape police was because he thought he was being chased by the KKK.

—that Jerry W. Schwartz was the lead of an 8-person negotiating team concluding contract negotiations with Reuters Corporation of London, England, for a \$25-million computer system for worldwide wire-service operations. And, he is a member of the board of directors and a division vice president of the U.S. Ski Association. In 1990 he placed 5th overall in the U.S. Citizen Alpine National Ski Championships.

WHOOOPS

The Law School Alumni/ae Office has moved its alumni/ae database to a new mainframe computer system that is integrated with the main campus alumni/ae system. If it seems that you can't get your address updated, please don't panic!

We're over the hump of conversion and are now entering address changes once again. When we get the kinks out, the new system will enable us to serve you more efficiently. Thank you for your patience!



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TEN YEARS OUT AND GOING STRONG

Drawing the largest contingent ever of out-of-town guests for a law school class party, the Class of 1981 Reunion brought over 105 classmates and friends from locales as far away as Louisiana, Tennessee, Colorado, Minnesota, California, Alaska, Utah and Oregon. The balmy July night and gorgeous views of the Sound and Olympics at the Tacoma Yacht Club provided a perfect setting. A generous buffet dinner, the music of Charlie and the Tunas, and reproductions of first-year photos added to the festivities.



Taking the wheel in hand, committee members (from left) Steve Shelton, Jeff Jahns, Lynn Johnson, chair Doug Hill, Judge Tom Farrow, Sandra Kindig, Jerry Ford and Lawrence Tracy (not pictured) met regularly last winter to plan the bash.



Obviously having a good time, Betsy Byers, Carol Wardell, and Eileen Lawrence took a break from first-year photos to smile for our photographer.



The beautiful summer evening and views of the Sound beckoned Zsa Zsa DePaolo and Paris Kallas, who lounged with their classmates on the balcony of the Yacht Club.



Joe Piper, who traveled from Germantown, Tenn., for the event, chatted with Professor Mark Reutlinger and Rial Moulton.



Teri Dill-Simpson, Joe Paskvan, Jim Simpson, and Mark Dynan relaxed and shared photographs after the buffet dinner.



Taking the opportunity to catch up with each other were Ken Valz, Tom Galligan, and Elsie Ackerman.



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